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E.O. 11/52: GDS

TAGS: PLOS EWWT SENV TGEN SN

SUBJ: COAST GUARD ASSISTANCE FOR SHOWA MARU

1. SHOWA MARU OIL TRANSFER OPERATIONS TO AUXILIARY TANKER PE-
GASUS NO.1. WERE COMPLETED 211610Z. 48,774 METRIC GALLONS
OFFLOADED FROM SUPERTANKER TO PEGASUS NO. 1, OF WHICH 23,000
TONS PUMPED BY CG ADAPTS PUMPS. ADDITIONAL OFFLOADING
SCHEDULED RESUME JAN 26 UPON ARRIVAL TANKER BIYO MARU FROM
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JAPAN. IN INTERIM, CG ADAPTS PUMPS BEING UTILIZED TO TRANSFER

CARGO FROM FORWARD TANKS TO ENABLE SHOWA MARU INTERNAL PUMPING SYSTEM ASSIST IN OFFLOADING INTO BIYO MARU TANKS. 128,983 METRIC TONS OIL REMAIN ON SHOWA MARU. CAPACITY OF BIYO MARU 7,000 (DEAD WEIGHT TONS) AND CG ESTIMATES TRANSFER TO THIS VESSEL WILL BE COMPLETED BY JAN 31.

2. CG EQUIPMENT REPORTED OPERATING WELL WITH SOME SMALL LOSS OF EFFICIENCY DUE TO HEAT AND OPERATIONS PROCEEDING RELATIVELY SMOOTHLY THOUGH SOMEWHAT SLOWER THAN NECESSARY DUE TO SEVERAL FACTORS. OFFLOADING OPERATIONS REMAIN LIMITED TO DAYLIGHT HOURS. THOUGH CG TEAM VERY WILLING EXTEND WORKING HOURS UP TO 24 HOUR BASIS TO EXPEDITE JOB, PERSONNEL OF SELCO SALVAGE FIRM, WHICH IS COORDINATING ENTIRE OFFLOADING OPERATION, ARE NOT WILLING WORK BEYOND EARLY EVENING. JAPANESE OWNERS OF SUPERTANKER, THROUGH REPORTED INSISTENCE ON PROVIDING AUXILIARY TANKERS FOR OFFLOADING DIRECTLY FROM JAPAN, ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF TIME. CURRENT WAIT OF 4 DAYS FOR ARRIVAL OF BIYO MARU FROM JAPAN COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF OWNERS WILLING TO CONTRACT FOR OFFLOADING INTO LOCALLY AVAILABLE VESSELS.
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